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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) agencies functioning in various States in the country and the funds allocated to DRDA under various schems and programmes in the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has revised/proposed to review the achievements of DRDAs considering its important role payed for the enhancing rural development services and if so, the the details therof, State-wise; and

(c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to make these agencies more result oriented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) : At present there are 651 District Rural Development Agencies functioning in various States. A statement showing the details of funds allocated and released under the scheme of DRDA Administration during the last three years and current year (State wise) is given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): In order to review the functioning of the DRDAs in the country, the Ministry had set up a Committee in November, 2010. The mandate of the Committee was to study the functioning of DRDAs and give suitable recommendations for its restructuring. The Committee submitted its report in January, 2012. The recommendations made by the Committee have been accepted by the Ministry. Further action in the matter has been initiated.

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